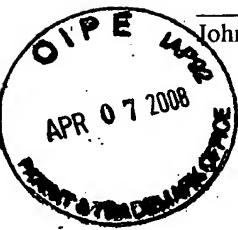


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Applicants : OKAMOTO et al.
Serial No. : 10/550,252
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2007 for which a three (3) month response period expiring on March 4, 2008 was set. The extended period expires effectively on April 4, 2008.

Please charge the extension fee of One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) for a one (1) month extension of time to Deposit Account 11-0600. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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